

October 2026 Newsletter



What an amazing busy start to the new school year we have all had with lots of exciting learning taking place. Year 2 have visited Backpool beach to learn about physical and human features in Geography and Year 5 have made delicious pizzas in Design and Technology this week. Mrs Fowles has been running a cookery club which teaches children healthy and nutritious recipes that they can



try at home and Mr Hatton has been running various after school sports clubs and competitions.

We are delighted to announce that our school has been awarded the **International Eco Green Flag award** in recognition to our commitment to protecting the environment and creating a sustainable future.

This fantastic achievement reflects the hard work and enthusiasm of our pupils, staff and ECO Club led by Mrs Schofield. We have focused on working together on reducing waste, litter picking, recycling more, saving energy and water together and giving to charities.



Please continue to help and encourage everyone to be environmentally friendly to save our planet. **Look out for our new flag on the flagpole!**

It has been wonderful to see our children back in school looking so smart and ready for the year! We have had a great first half term back. Thankyou for ensuring that your child is wearing the correct, smart uniform.



Please remember



PE kits and trainers should only be worn on PE days. Shoes and trainers should be **ALL BLACK** in colour. Please help our pupils look smart when representing our school in the Roundthorn uniform.

We **discourage the wearing of jewellery** in school although **an inexpensive watch is allowed**. If children must wear earrings, they must be plain studs and **MUST be removed on PE/swimming days** for safety.



There are **lots of ways that we keep your children safe at school**; online safety, PSHE lessons, NSPCC assemblies, security of our school, supervision of children, lots of first aiders, regular staff safeguarding training and workshops for pupils led by the school nurse and PSCOs.

Once again we will be taking part in the national annual **Anti-bullying/Friendship Week**. This year the theme is 'Break the silence'. This theme will help children understand bullying, speak up, listen and take action together.



The week will kick off with '**Odd Socks Day**' on **Monday 16th November**, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique and spread kindness at the start of 'Friendship Week'.

This year we have also **booked a well known children's poet** called **Ian Bland**. He will perform some fun poetry about friendship and tolerance and then children in Year 3-6 will write their own poems.

Fundraising We ran a very successful **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on Friday 25th September which was very well supported. Our children made biscuits and cupcakes to sell, as well as those made and donated by staff and parents. We also ran a tombola with prizes donated by staff. Parents were invited and stayed to socialise. We raised an **AMAZING £449** which will go to support cancer care.



Thankyou to Mrs Fowles who has coordinated this fundraising event.

Secondary School applications The closing date for **Secondary 2027 applications** is **31 October 2026 at 5:00 pm**. Please can all parents/ carers ensure you apply before the closing date.

Applications can be made via the following link:

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201168/apply_for_a_secondary_school_place



Or scan the QR code



We welcome **ALL** parents to our termly **Coffee Mornings** on Mondays **8.45-9.45am** on the following dates.....

23rd November 2026

25th January 2027

24th May 2027

There will be a number of outside agencies and partners attending who parents can speak to or ask questions.

These will include the

- school nurses
- PCSOs
- Early Help practitioners (who can advise parents about managing children's behaviour, routines and free parent courses available)
- National Energy Action (a charity to help keep homes warm)
- ABL-they support whole families stay healthy such as a Martial Arts Group, Healthy Eating' and 'Family Fun Exercises'.
- Chai Ladies-members of our school parent community who are friendly and knowledgeable about current issues

Please do come along and use this opportunity to meet new parents and our partners. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

School Nurse availability -our school will be available at some coffee mornings, parents evenings and other school events. She is also holding a drop session at school on Friday 11th December between 9-11am. **This is by prebooked appointments only.** Appointments will be 20 minutes each. If you would like to speak to the school nurse on this morning please book an appointment via the school office. These will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

New to you uniform - Our swap shop is open! We have had several items of school uniform donated by parents. To help with the rise in the cost of living, this 'Uniform Swap Shop' is in the hall. Children can grow so fast and can quickly out-grow clothing. Parents are welcome to view the items when collecting or dropping off their children at school and take or swap items in clean and good condition.



We've had a number of concerns raised by parents and members of the public around the parking congestion on the road outside school. **Please can you help keep our children safe** and try and walk to school to reduce this congestion. This is a great way to teach your child the importance of fitness and exercise. If every family walked to school once a week then congestion would reduce by 20%.

Breakfast Club is open from 8am and is £1 a day.

Early morning readers is from 8.15am (please speak to your child's class teacher).

We welcome parents into school as partners with us in your child's education. We're always seeking ways to involve parents more in **school events and to share more information with you**. Please note the following dates that have been scheduled in the school diary so far. There will be more to come as events get booked. See the events in **red** that indicate where **parents are welcome**.

Date	Event
21 st October 2.40pm-7pm	Parents Evening-Opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher, look through your child's work, meet agencies
4 th November 2026	Year 5 Trip Longdendale Environmental Centre-Rivers Fieldwork
5 th November 2026	Year 6 Trip Regional Science Centre
16 th November 2026	Odd Sock Day
16-20 th November 2026	Friendship /Antibullying week
18 th November 2026 9am	Year 6 class assembly
18 th November 2026	Year 3-6 Ian Bland poetry workshops
23 rd November 2026 8.45-9.45am	Parent coffee morning -school nurse, PSCO, Early Help, National Energy Action, Chai Ladies and other partner agencies available to talk to.
23 rd - 27 th November 2026	UK Parliament week
26 th November 2026 9am	Year 5 class assembly
30 th November -4 th December 2026	School Council Fundraising week-'Coin Quest'-please start saving your pennies!
2 nd December 2026	Year 5 Anglo Saxon Workshop Day
11 th December 2026 9-11am	School Nurse appointments- book via the school office
15 th December 10am	Year 1 & 2 Christmas show
16 th December 9am	Key Stage 2 Christmas assembly
17 th December 10.30am & 2.30pm	Early Years Nativity
18 th December	Christmas class parties in afternoon
25 th January 2027 8.45-9.45am	Parent coffee morning - partner agencies attending
26 th January 2027	Year 4 Young Voices Trip
2 nd February 2027	Year 3 Linking project trip to Gallery Oldham with St Thomas Leesfield
2 nd February 2027 8.30am or 2.15 pm	Early Years REAL event -writing
3 rd February 2027 9am	Year 4 Class assembly
3 rd February 2.40pm-7pm	Parents Evening
8 th February	Years 3-6 Online Safety Workshops
11 th February 9am	Year 3 class assembly
1 st March 2027	INSET Day -school closed to children
12 th March 2027	Year 5 Linking Project day with their friends from St Thomas' Leesfield School
22 nd March 2027	Year 3 Linking Project visit their friends at St Thomas' Leesfield School
22 nd March 2027	Year 5 Linking Project Trip to Castleshaw
29-30 th April 2027	Year 6 residential trip to London
6 th May 2027 9am	Year 2 class assembly & school nurse meet parents after
14 th May 2027 8.30am or 2.15 pm	Early Years REAL event -maths
Week beginning 10 th May 2027	Year 6 SATS week
17 th May 2027	Closed for Eid
18 th May 2027	Eid class parties in afternoon
19 th May 2027 9am	Year 1 class assembly & school nurse meet parents after
24 th May 2027 8.45-9.45am	Parent coffee morning - partner agencies attending
30 th June 2027 9am	Reception class assembly & school nurse meet parents after
19 th July 11am & 2.45pm	Nursery Graduation
19 th July 9am & 2.45pm	Reception Graduation